GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION FOR TRAINING OF ATHLETES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meagre sum of Rs.62 crore has been allocated for training athletes for Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for sending teams abroad for training and participation in international events?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) No, Sir. Rs.62 crores is provided for assistance to National Sports Federations for various activities, including training of athletes. For the Commonwealth Games, a separate scheme has been worked out titled `Preparation of Indian Teams for Commonwealth Games 2010`.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) After extensive discussions with National Sports Federations, a progaramme for providing training, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment etc. of high standard has been drawn up for the elite athletes who will represent India in the Commonwealth Games, 2010. Current estimates indicate an expenditure of Rs.802.00 crore for this training over the period 2007 -08 to 2010-11, out of which expenditure on foreign exposure would be substantial so that the elite athletes could get the best in terms of training and foreign competitions.